WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An index validation system, comprising:
- a processor; and
- a validator accessible by the processor, the validator adapted to access index data corresponding to video data and validate the index data after editing of the video data.
- 2. The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to determine an indexing scheme for the video data.
- 3. The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to determine whether the index data defines a time-based indexing scheme for the video data.
- 4. The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to determine whether the index data defines a scene-based indexing scheme for the video data.
- 5. The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to obtain image data for a frame of the video data identified by the index data before editing of the video data.
- 6. The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to obtain image data for a frame of the video data identified by the index data after editing of the video data.
- 7. The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to compare image data for a frame of the video data identified by index data before editing with a corresponding frame of the video data after editing of the video data.
- 8. The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to determine a frame frequency for the video data corresponding to the index data before editing of the video data.
- 9. The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to determine a frame frequency for the video data corresponding to the index data after editing of the video data.

- 10. The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to compare a frame frequency for the video data before editing with a frame frequency for the video data after editing, the frame frequencies corresponding to the index data.
- 11. The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to initiate re-indexing of at least a portion of the video data in response to determining that at least a portion of the index data is invalid for the video data after editing.
- 12. The system of Claim 1, wherein the validator is adapted to automatically initiate re-indexing of at least a portion of the video data in response to determining that at least a portion of the index data is invalid for the video data after editing
- 13. An index validation method, comprising:
 accessing index data for video data prior to editing of the video data;
 accessing the video data after editing; and
 validating, via a processor, the index data for the video data after editing of the video data.
- 14. The method of Claim 13, further comprising determining an indexing scheme for the video data from the index data.
- 15. The method of Claim 13, further comprising obtaining image data corresponding to a frame of the video data identified by the index data before editing of the video data.
- 16. The method of Claim 13, further comprising obtaining image data corresponding to a frame of the video data identified by the index data after editing of the video data.
- 17. The method of Claim 13, wherein validating comprises comparing image data for a frame of the video data before editing of the video data as identified by the index data with a corresponding frame of the video data after editing of the video data.

- 18. The method of Claim 13, further comprising determining whether the index data defines a time-based indexing scheme for the video data.
- 19. The system of Claim 13, further comprising determining whether the index data defines a scene-based indexing scheme for the video data.
- 20. The system of Claim 13, further comprising determining a frame frequency for the video data corresponding to the index data before editing of the video data.
- 21. The system of Claim 13, further comprising determining a frame frequency for the video data corresponding to the index data after editing of the video data.
- 22. The system of Claim 13, wherein validating comprises comparing a frame frequency for the video data before editing with a frame frequency for the video data after editing, the frame frequencies corresponding to the index data.
- 23. The system of Claim 13, further comprising initiating re-indexing of at least a portion of the video data in response to determining that at least a portion of the index data is invalid for the video data after editing.
 - 24. An index validation system, comprising:

means for accessing video data; and

means for validating, via a processor, index data corresponding to the video data after editing of the video data.

- 25. The system of Claim 24, wherein the validating means comprises means for determining an indexing scheme for the video data.
- 26. The system of Claim 24, wherein the validating means comprises means for obtaining image data for a frame of the video data identified by the index data before editing of the video data.

- 27. The system of Claim 24, wherein the validating means comprises means for obtaining image data for a frame of the video data identified by the index data after editing of the video data.
- 28. The system of Claim 24, wherein the validating means comprises means for comparing image data for a frame of the video data as identified by the index data before editing of the video data with a corresponding frame of the video data after editing of the video data.
- 29. A computer-readable medium embodying a program of instructions executable by a processor to perform a method, the method comprising:

accessing video data; and

determining whether index data for the video data remains valid after editing of the video data.

- 30. The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, the method comprising determining an indexing scheme for the video data from the index data.
- 31. The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, the method comprising comparing image data for a frame of the video data before editing of the video data as identified by the index data with a corresponding frame of the video data after editing of the video data.
- 32. The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, the method comprising determining an indexing scheme for the video data.
- 33. The computer-readable medium of Claim 29, the method comprising initiating re-indexing of at least a portion of the video data in response to determining that at least a portion of the index data is invalid for the video data after editing.